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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 14, 2005, for which the time period to respond extends to October 14, 2005, Applicant elects claims of Group I (Claims 1-22) and the species of the embodiments of Figures 1-3 (Claims 1-5, 7-10, and 12-13), with traverse.

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The Examiner is requested to reconsider the Restriction Requirement since it appears that the subject matter defined within all the groups of claims are similar. Consequently, the field of search for each group should be essentially coextensive. Thus, the burden on the Examiner will not be significant to maintain each group of claims in this application.

Should the Examiner have any further questions regarding the election, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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